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Dear Harold,

"Early retirement" was quite apt! I'm leaving in late Feb. for Canada. My wife and child are there already. I plan to visit you before my departure. I'll call you next week.

On your general situation: I cannot see a viable publishing possibility for you on the J.F.K. assassination for a wide variety of reasons and one is bad enough!

The other critics are usually sources of only bad advice. Sylvia is the exception. Unselfish, a dedicated seeker of truth, a wonderful mind, she is a truly beautiful person. You can trust her advice, My Friend!

Said: "J.G. had learned Garrison money and Garrison was re-paying him!"

Garrison and J.G.: an evil man and a desperately ill man but given J.G., a situation of

this type or worse was only inevitable.

Hersh: Now fashionable to attack the Military! Where did he obtain this classified data? The current Foreign Affairs, an organ of the C.F.R. (McCloy, Bundy, Kissinger etc.) carries the same "line". The Pentagon was so wrong on Vietnam and we (the CIA) warned the Govt., too. What good boys are we (the CIA) and bad boys they! The CIA humiliation of General Abrams in The Green Beret Case was indicative.

Of course, the revelation of Diem's negotiations won't be found in The Pentagon Papers.

Wolton: Oddly enough in his caustic biography of Stevenson he mentioned the rumor that his death was unnatural.

Lattimer: A serious Govt. error! They should have let sleeping dogs lie but opened a Pandora's Box. Of course, every analysis is different but each one confirms The W.R.!

G. Frank: I assume only the worst unless he has

a play, perhaps dialog by Washington because his "Lone Nut" routine won't sell.

I do not believe P.M., whatever its content, would alter the situation. It would be buried because if they can't bury the book, they would bury the author. Fortunately, human termination of authors has become gratuitous since media control is nearly absolute.

As I have stated P.P., more publication is nothing, a stone in the Atlantic raises few waves.

Sorry to sound so bleak.

Sincerely,